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On The Cover

Thanksgiving is the time N.C. Baptists promote the Children's Homes special offering. Pray for the work of the Children's Homes and give generously to this offering.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Bottom Line

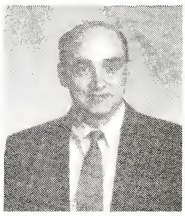
Involving N.C. Baptists in missions! That's the bottom line. That's our purpose. That's what we are here for and that's a lot of what this publication and everything else we do is all about. Who are N.C. Baptists and how do we involve them in missions?

Who are N.C. Baptists? N.C. Baptists are a diverse group of folks. They come from all over the state, they come from big churches and little churches, they come from rural churches and urban churches. Some are conservative and some are moderate. Some are doctors, some are teachers, some work on the farm, some work in offices, some work in factories and some are retired. N.C. Baptists are loaded with talents, gifts and abilities that God can use to share his love across this state and around the world.

Who are North Carolina Baptists and how do we involve them in missions?

How do we involve N.C. Baptists in missions? The approach of N.C. Baptist Men has always been to personally involve people in missions. By offering a variety of projects that utilize a variety of volunteers and the God-given gifts and talents that these volunteers have. By challenging N.C. Baptists to use the gifts that they have to minister to a lost and hurting world. By encouraging N.C. Baptists to share their faith through word and deed to a world that needs to know about the faith and hope that can be found in Christ.

In this issue of Men-on-Mission you will read about a variety of needs and a variety of opportunities to be involved in missions. Obviously, you can't be involved in all of these projects, but as you read through this issue think about your talents, interests and abilities. Think about the people in need in your community, across our state and around the world. Think and pray about the ways God has gifted you to share his love — then, just do it. That's the bottom line.



Richard Brunson

What's In A Name?

MAURICE COOK, NCBM PRESIDENT

Are you an onomastician? Admittedly, onomastics is not a household word. In fact, it took me quite a while to find it in a dictionary. An onomastician is one who studies the origin, history, and use of names.

Names have always fascinated me. A person's name is very special regardless of the background for it. We read in the Bible of people being renamed on the basis of characteristics they possessed. Notable examples are Simon who became Peter, meaning rock, and Joses who became Barnabas, meaning son of encouragement. It is interesting to hear parents explain why a child was given a certain name. Sometimes there is no rhyme or reason to the naming process. The parents may have seen or heard a particular name, liked it, and applied it. Often the name source is a parent or other family member, a well known person, or perhaps a Biblical personality. For example, Nancy and I named our son Stephen after the faithful early disciple bearing that name. The naming implied a parental commitment as well as a yearning for our son to achieve a high level of spiritual maturity.

I have been thinking recently about the word 'name' itself because it has appeared in various places and contexts. Its definition has both specific and non-specific applications. We speak of a quality person having a good name, which we interpret as a good reputation. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, . ." (Prov. 22:1). On the other hand, when Paul talks about 'that name' in his marvelous expression of Christ's omnipotence, he is referring to the specific name of our Lord and Savior:

> *"Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:9-11).*

Hymn writers frequently use the word 'name' with the clear understanding that they are referring to "that Name that is above every name". A quick scan of two hymnals detected over 35 hymns with 'Name' in the title. I am sure there are more than that. How long has it been since you sang one of the beloved hymns such as:

Glory to His Name? Blessed be the Name? That Beautiful Name?

One of my favorites is a contemporary one written by Bill and Gloria Gaither: There's Something About That Name.

> *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,*
> *there's just something about that name!*
> *Master, Savior, Jesus,*
> *like the fragrance after the rain;*
> *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim:*
> *Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but*
> *There's something about that name!*

How does the matter of a 'name' apply to NC Baptist Men? We have a good name as an organization and as individuals within that organization. I visited Ukraine and Poland in September and I can testify that we have a good name, even an excellent name, among Baptists in those countries. I like to think we have a good name in North Carolina and in the U.S. also.

But it is not the good name of N.C. Baptist Men we are promoting. It is the name of Jesus, 'that Name that is above every name', which should identify who we are and what we do. It is my prayer that people will see Christ in and through all of us who are associated with NC Baptist Men.

With Advent and Christmas approaching we will hear Jesus' name expressed in various and beautiful ways such as: ". . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Of all the lovely names ascribed to Jesus, my favorite is: Emmanuel, meaning God with us (Matt. 1:23). What a comforting and sustaining truth!! How I enjoy hearing that great Advent hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. As to Jesus' mission in the world, the angel speaking to Joseph said it pointedly and clearly: "...and you shall call His Name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Yes, there is ***Something about That Name!!!***

'The Gathering of Men' To Be Held During Men's Convention, February 4

The Gathering of Men is a discipleship-based, outreach-oriented means of reaching men with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Last February we had the first Raleigh area Gathering of Men breakfast at the North Raleigh Hilton. Many N.C. Baptist Men served as "table hosts" (those who pay for the breakfast for their non-Christian, unchurched friends). Tables were provided for more than 300 men.

A keynote speaker is invited to present the gospel in a clear and concise way and the men are asked to respond. Last year our speaker was Norm Evans, former all pro football player with the Miami Dolphins. Many days and weeks ahead of time the "table hosts" were inviting their friends to join them for breakfast at 6:45 a.m. (with a guarantee to be finished by 8:00 a.m. sharp). They were given a card which stated the date and time of the breakfast and this simple invitation: "An opportunity to investigate the Christian life and how it can work for you."

Last year three men filled out commitment cards stating that they had prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and savior. Another 100 plus indicated that they were already Christians but they wanted to begin to live their lives in such a way as to make them count for Christ. Needless to say, it was an exciting time for all of us who participated.

This year we are very fortunate to have enlisted Tony Campolo as our speaker. We would love to double last year's attendance, and we believe that is possible. Those of you who attended last year as a guest indicated what a blessing it was to your life. I hope you will consider being a "table host" yourself and giving your non-Christian and/or unchurched friends an opportunity to hear the gospel in a non-threatening environment. Check the appropriate box on the back page of this publication if you are willing and ready to help us make the gospel available to those who need Christ.

If you did not participate last year and you desire to know more about the Gathering of Men before making a commitment, please call our office at the toll-free number on the back page and we will be most happy to respond to your questions. If need be we may be able to have someone who has experienced the Gathering come to your church to help you enlist your men to become "table hosts."

Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Baptist Men's Day is January 22

The purpose of Baptist Men's Day is to inform, inspire, and involve your church in mission's education, mission support, and mission activities. Check out the possibility of having your men's group do the worship service on Baptist Men's Day. Be creative in terms of how you go about promoting mission involvement. Involve as many men as possible in the worship service and have men share brief testimonies about their mission projects and/or activities. You may want to utilize a Mandate (the monthly video missions program) especially if you are doing a men's breakfast or an evening service (you may subscribe to Mandate by calling the N.C. Baptist Convention at the numbers listed on the back page of this publication).

Baptist Men's Day can be a great time of celebration and excitement as you and the men of your church share the different ways that you have used your gifts to make Christ known to a lost and hurting world.

Begin planning and preparing now so that this coming Baptist Men's Day might be the best ever. Remember! Baptist Men means missions. Make sure that whatever you do, that the focus is on missions and mission involvement.

Paul Sutherland Medical Fund Established

North Carolina Baptist Men has established a "Paul Sutherland Medical Fund" to assist the Sutherland family with medical expenses related to Paul's accident while on a recent mission trip. Paul Sutherland, a 66-year-old Sanford man, suffered head injuries when he fell from a ladder in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on July 20. Paul was participating in a volunteer mission trip when the accident occurred. Sutherland is a member of Cool Springs Baptist Church in Sanford and a veteran of numerous mission trips.

Individuals who wish to contribute to the "Sutherland Medical Fund" may do so by sending checks to: N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512 and designated for Paul Sutherland Medical Fund.

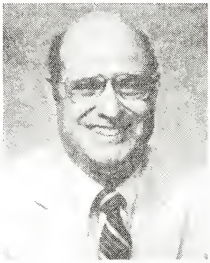
'See Wake Forest Day' is Jan. 7

Baptists from all N.C. churches are invited to attend the "See Wake Forest Day," Saturday, Jan. 7, 1995, including the basketball game between Wake Forest and Florida State University.

Cost of the game is only $9.50 per person plus $3 shipping and handling per order (regular cost is $16). Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be mailed to you approximately three weeks prior to the game.

For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

1995 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention Is February 3-5 In Raleigh



Tony Campolo

Anthony (Tony) Campolo, renowned author and popular speaker among Baptist groups, will be the keynote speaker at the 1995 North Carolina Baptist Men's Convention, Feb. 3–5, Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Joining Campolo will be musicians Kyle and Susan Matthews of Nashville, Tenn.

The weekend meeting will open with the Friday evening session, Feb. 3, at the church and conclude with a breakfast on Sunday morning.

The meeting is open to all Baptist men and women, not just members of a church brotherhood organization. There will be special-interest conferences for women during the 3-day session.

A highlight of the 1995 meeting will be a "Gathering" breakfast on Saturday morning and mission action conferences that afternoon. The annual meeting will follow the regular format of inspirational speakers in general sessions and small-group special-interest conferences related to Baptist Men's ministries.

For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

Kyle and Susan Matthews

GOAL & OBJECTIVES FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MEN

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help North Carolina churches and associations involve their members (especially men and boys) in missions.

The objectives for accomplishing this goal are to:

- enable and equip men and boys to be personally involved in mission activities
- encourage men and boys to identify and develop their personal ministries
- educate men and boys concerning mission opportunities
- teach men and boys the importance of praying for and giving to missions
- lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians

Do You Need A Missions Speaker?

Volunteer committee members are willing!

If your church or missions group would like to have someone speak on volunteer mission opportunities, please contact any of the following:

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MANDATE and Baptist Men Owner's Manual Available

The Baptist Men *Owner's Manual* is designed to inform, inspire and involve. The *Owner's Manual* gives practical ideas on how to have an effective Baptist Men's program in your church. It is filled with stories about N.C. Baptist Men who are involved in a variety of missions projects. The *Owner's Manual* also provides 13 monthly Baptist Men's programs that will work. Each of these 13 programs is built around a special video segment that will be included on the MANDATE video.

MANDATE video magazine, produced by the Communication Services Division of the Baptist State Convention, is a monthly video program. MANDATE is mailed quarterly, and includes three monthly programs on each tape. Each issue of MANDATE includes stories on state missions as well as foreign and home missions.

The Baptist Men *Owner's Manual* will provide suggestions for a good Baptist Men's meeting including additional information and discussion questions to precede and follow the showing of the video segment.

The cost to subscribe to MANDATE is $20 per year (this is for all 4 video tapes). One copy of the *Owner's Manual* is included with each subscription to MANDATE. Additional copies of the *Owner's Manual* can be purchased for $4.00 per manual. Subscription information is below. Order a copy for each of the men in your church.

Our goal is not to push programs; our goal is to involve men in missions. This video and *Owner's Manual* is a new and different method, but we believe that it will be an excellent way to inform, inspire and involve the men of your church in doing missions.

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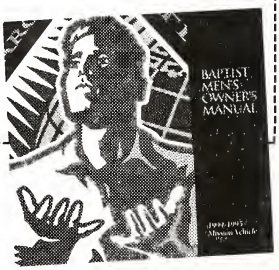
Make check payable to: Baptist State Convention. Mail toPublic Relations, Baptist State Convention, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107



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AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

I Have Neven Been Hungry

BY DAVID R. TURNER, PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EASLEY, S.C.

I have never been hungry. I have lived on this planet for over half a century, yet I have never had a single moment when I had to worry about getting fed when meal time came.

I have fantasized about hunger lots of times. I have even fasted for two and three days at a time, but always as a weight loss effort, never because I could not manage to find a square meal. I always knew I could open my refrigerator door and end my fasting effort. So my battle wasn't with hunger, but against overindulgence.

I have had an occasion or two when I ate more sparsely in order to make the family budget meet. I took pride in my small sacrifice, but I didn't go hungry, You know, beans and potatoes instead of steak and gravy. But beans will do nicely, as any really hungry person will tell you. Besides, true hunger is never a source of pride.

When I say "hungry", I mean hungry in the sense that I do not know where I could turn for a good meal. I've never even had to contemplate asking a church for a few dollars so I could eat. I have no idea what it feels like to stand in a soup line and be handed a charity meal. I have never been that kind of hungry.

I mean hungry as in knowing the depressing reality that tomorrow's pain would be a little more intense than today's and hope would have faded a little more than yesterday; hungry as in having no prospect for solution. No possibility for gainful employment. No possibility to travel and start over fresh.

I have never been hungry, so as to jeopardize my health. I've never been hungry, so as to feel with intense sadness that my own beloved family is in this awful blight, and I am powerless to do anything to save them.

I've never been hungry, so as to watch my whole community languish in indifference and inactivity, as if the whole world were slowly grinding to a tragic end, just as mine was doing.

I've never been hungry, felling a streak of anger, wondering what kind of God would favor some people so highly with surplus of food, while letting the rest of us slowly die in starvation.

I've never been hungry, so as to really wonder why those who have so much, and who call themselves followers of Christ, could feel so little concern for us whom they call brothers and sisters.

But then again, maybe the world isn't the same if you've been hungry. I wouldn't know.

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MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship To Meet Feb. 3-4

The North Carolina Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship will hold their annual meeting, Feb. 3–4, Caraway Conference Center, beginning with supper at 5:30 on Friday and concluding with lunch the next day.

The meeting is open to anyone in the healthcare related fields.

Featured speaker will be Eric Raddatz, executive director, N.C. Baptist AIDS Partnership, Wake Forest, N.C.. Also featured will be physicians, dentists and missionaries who have participated in medical mission projects during the past year.

Cost is only $35 per person. For more information and registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

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Anyone interested in organizational training is invited to attend. *Limited to first 100 registrants.*

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Cost is $20 per person.
Registration Deadline Dec. 30, 1994
To register check the appropriate item on the back page.

Churches Must Protect Themselves As They Serve Children

BY MICHAEL C. BLACKWELL, PRESIDENT, BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Heartbreaking as the thought is, and as much as it hurts to have to issue this warning, church leaders who want to avoid child abuse within their walls must take sensible and legal precautions.

Child abusers can be very sophisticated and patient when it comes to stalking their victims. In the movie "Lion King," Simba, the young king-in-training, took "pouncing" lessons from his father. He learned how to be patient and sneak up on his quarry when it least suspects danger.

Outside of their own home, where do children least suspect danger? In their churches, where they are attended by faithful, loving volunteers, most often behind closed doors. And the great, vast majority of such volunteers are exactly that, faithful and loving. They would sooner cut off their own hand than to harm a child.

But the possibility exists for a putrid individual to join a church and volunteer to help in the overworked children's area. Grateful coordinators welcome the additional help.

Bill Young, retired manager of the preschool/children's area of discipleship at the Sunday School Board, said during a Discipleship and Family Development Conference at Ridgecrest Conference Center, that "Child abuse has come to the church."

"Only 10 percent of abuse toward children is committed by someone they don't know," Young said. "Parents are the perpetrators 25 percent of the time, then relatives, then acquaintances."

Those acquaintances could be discipleship or Sunday school teachers, he acknowledged.

The American Bar Association has written guidelines for liabilities of volunteers, sexual misconduct of churches and negligent hiring. Negligent hiring of staff or volunteers is usually what gets a church into trouble.

Church vulnerability is high because only 27 percent screen any children's workers. Only 12 percent ask potential workers to reveal prior convictions of child abuse.

The 1993 National Child Protection Act says failure to request a criminal records check is not in itself grounds for a lawsuit. If you should decide to use a worker, who, according to the state's background check is unsuitable, you can be sued if that worker subsequently molests a child.

Even if there is no criminal record, you may be liable for a worker's acts if you did not utilize other screening methods.

Young said churches are susceptible to leaders committing child abuse and to lawsuits that follow because they tend to trust everybody who walks through the doors.

"Not enough churches have screening procedures for their volunteer workers, and consequently there is ample opportunity for a pedophile to get in. If a pedophile wanted access to children, where would be a good place to get that access: At the church," Young said.

Young suggested several ways churches could avoid child abuse from occurring inside their walls:

- Have a six month rule. "Don't allow someone to be a teacher until he or she has been at the church at least six months."
- Provide screening forms for hired staff and volunteers. Ask pertinent questions related to the subject.
- Draft a child abuse policy for the church. Know what actions to take if child abuse is suspected. Educate parents in the area of child abuse.
- Know the reporting requirements of your state.
- I would add another. Cut windows into the doors of your preschool classrooms.

Young said a typical church response to accusations of child sexual abuse against a leader is denial, minimization and blame. When child sexual abuse is reported, the church must "promptly" remove the accused from his or her position and report the alleged act to church authorities and then to public law enforcement authorities.

The average age of a child abuse victim is now six, Young said, compared to an average of eight in 1983.

Research demonstrates that children over age six are just as reliable and accurate when reporting the events as are adults. Children under six are able to report the events but are more susceptible to pressure from the interviewer.

Young said research also indicates children give more accurate and detailed information when the interviewer is friendly toward them rather than formal and distant.

I know what Young said at Ridgecrest is true. Baptist Children's Homes occasionally has in its care a child who was abused by parents or others who were prominent in their churches. Some purposely joined a church to establish an aura of respectability, to raise themselves above suspicion.

In most churches, all volunteers are wholesome. But, don't let carelessness and naiveté let children in your church become victims.

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Divorce Hurts

Amber Finds Smile at BCH After Parents Split

No matter how much adults argue otherwise, children suffer when parents divorce.

Amber suffered when her parents first split when she was nine. They eventually remarried each other and moved to Raleigh from a northern state. It was no easier on her when they divorced again, nor when they got back together a third time.

Amber

She didn't get along with her older sister. She stopped communicating and became withdrawn. Her normally excellent grades fell. She started choosing the wrong friends and became suicidal.

In December 1992, she overdosed. After medical attention in a hospital and psychological attention in another hospital, she came to Kennedy Home to work out personal and family problems.

Under the tutelage of Kennedy Home Baptist Church's pastor, Amber rededicated her life to Jesus and was baptized.

Between her renewed faith and the peer group process at Kennedy Home, Amber began to resolve differences with her mother. In fact, when she graduates from Kennedy Home, she plans to live

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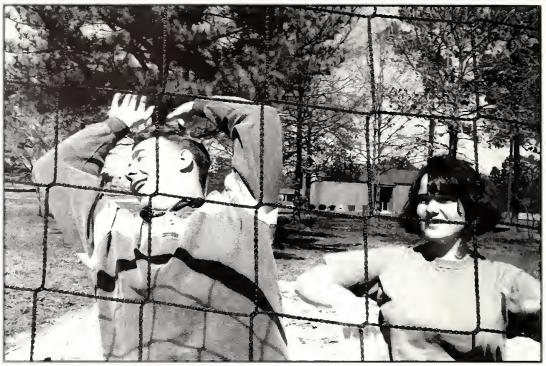
Amber is just one of 1,469 young people Baptist Children's Homes helped last year. For the rest of her story, and more on how you can help North Carolina's Largest Family" look inside!

Growing Up Too Fast Brings Its Own Problems



Jamie avoids a spike during a volleyball game with Virginia at Odum Home.

Growing up too fast is not good.

Jamie, 16, wanted to be like his brother, four years older. He wanted the same hours, to be able to do the same things. And he wouldn't listen to anyone who said he couldn't.

That led to truancy and conflicts the family couldn't resolve themselves.

Jamie's mother and father brought him to Pembroke to live at Odum Home, a residential campus of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Jamie and the family knew they had problems. At Pembroke, they learned to identify and articulate those problems as the beginning to resolving them.

"I didn't want to go to school," Jamie said. "I didn't listen to anyone or respect anybody. I mainly just wanted to do what Jamie wanted to do."

He ran with the wrong crowd and "either easily misled them or they easily misled me. It worked both ways. If they didn't think of something to do, I did."

Jamie is glad his parents brought him to Odum Home where he could address his problems head on. He recognzies he was slipping into a pattern that could have led to serious trouble.

Unlike many young people in the care of Baptist Children's Homes, this is the first time Jamie has been placed outside of his home for care. That was one factor that enabled Odum Home staff to quickly lead Jamie to recognize his pattern of behavior that was leading toward trouble.

Odum Home helps young people realize they are not problem children, but children with problems. From a "problems list" Jamie recognized his own problems of authority, being easily angered and being inconsiderate of self (denying himself an education by his truancy).

"I've not had any problems since I came to Odum," he says. "I worked on my problems and I'm ready to go back home. I'm glad I came. Being at Odum Home gave me a chance to learn to help other people."

Jamie's new spirit has him on track to a college career in marine biology.

Latosha Finds Voice at Broyhill

Latosha sang at Carnegie Hall with a North Carolina youth choir.

Latosha Carson, a three-year Broyhill Home resident, performed in a national youth choir in New York City's Carnegie Hall this summer, one of only 15 North Carolina youth choir members.

Just 14, Latosha exudes the mature outlook of a young person years older. She could be selected from the national choir to be part of a world choir that will tour and sing in Europe.

Drug involvement by her parents sent Latosha to her grandmother's. When grandmother became too sick to care for her anymore, Latosha came to Broyhill.

"I want to send a special thanks to Broyhill for all their hard work for me," she said.

The choir performed in Winston-Salem last fall and Haywood Cottage went to represent Broyhill and to support Latosha.

When she heard about making the national chorus she was happy, but thought the cost was prohibitive. "Everybody told me to keep faith and God will provide a way," she said. "If it doesn't work out, other opportunities will come."

But God did provide, and Linda Morgan, campus life director, raised money from sponsors.

And that's not the final stop for this girl who has a vision for her life. She plans to attend college – Harvard is her first choice – and major in music and the arts.

"If you don't have an education, you can't get anywhere nowadays," she said. "If you have an education, you can go far."

Baptist Children's Homes:

Helping Young People, Families in Need

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina provides residential and in-home services to children and families in the midst of family breakdown or who need to strengthen relationships.

These services enable family members to make decisions about their relationships, enhance self-image, teach daily living skills and encourage growth in the Christian faith.

Often children have been abused or neglected by parents or guardians. Sometimes young people come into emergency care for their own protection or as a refuge when crisis strikes.

Services vary from residential care, to day care, maternity home, therapeutic camping, behavioral change, teen mothers with their babies and emergency care.

Very few residents are "orphans" with no living parent. But, as BCH President Michael C. Blackwell often says, they are "orphans of living parents." They are orphaned by parents who no longer want to be bothered with them, or who have raised them in a way that forced them to adopt unacceptable behaviors.

BCH harbors no "problem children" but instead works with each resident to understand he or she is a "child with a problem."

Caring staff presents each young person with a "problems list" from which he or she can identify the besetting problems. It is amazing to see the difference in a young person who understands he or she can work to correct specific problems, rather than living under a cloud of unnamed darkness that permeates their behavior and identity.

They have been told so often they are worthless they adopted behaviors that verified that evaluation.

When they can work to correct specific problems, their behavior changes, they become goal oriented and they have hope for their futures.

At the same time social workers work with the young person's parent or guardian to help that person address their behaviors that contributed to the family problem. Often, because child and guardian work together to achieve behavioral goals, the family can be reunited.

When family dysfunction prohibits reunification, the young person can stay at BCH. A Preparation for Adult Living program prepares that person for adult life by teaching budgeting, saving, job and apartment hunting skills. Help is available for those residents who want to continue their education after high school.

Services:

Residential Care Campuses in Thomasville, Kinston, Pembroke and Waynesville/Clyde. Children live maximum 12 to a cottage.

Emergency Care: Homes on each of the residential campuses and two in Dallas provide up to 60-day care for children who must be removed from their living situation immediately.

Maternity Home: Opened in 1970 this service offers women the time and guidance to make wise decisions about their future and that of their child. Asheville.

Therapeutic Camping: Fifty boys sort out life in the wilderness. Moore County.

Social Work Servics: Referrals, crisis intervention, co-planning and advanced education.

Day Care Services: Model centers in Thomasville care for 280 children and help churches establish day care ministry.

Behavioral Change: Girls who cannot solve conflict without confrontation learn to live with rules. Franklin, Lenoir.

Care House: For teenage mothers and their babies. Lenoir.

Soda Can Wrapper: Make all the copies you need for your Mile of Pennies Project!

Raising a Mile of Pennies

This can, filled with pennies, holds $5.50 worth of hope for children at

Baptist Children's Homes Of North Carolina

Our Missions Group is raising $844.40 to help children at Baptist Children's Homes. Would you participate by saving your loose change in this can and turning it in at Thanksgiving?

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina • Box 338 • Thomasville, NC 27361-0338 • (910) 472-1000

Casey Rescues Self, Sister

Casey was just two when his mom left them. His sister, Deona, was one.

They moved around a lot with dad, then settled in with an uncle. The uncle drank often, and then he beat the children.

Their father didn't intervene.

Finally, after years of that abuse, Casey, then about 12, took his uncle's motorcycle, went to get his sister, and rode to the department of social services to get help and turn in the uncle for abuse.

Their father left and they haven't heard from him since.

Casey and Deona stand with Sarah Dippy, Deona's foster sister, during Broyhill's Western Area Conference.

Today, both are doing well in school and have made big adjustments to living normally among the residents of Broyhill Home. Deona has moved into foster care with Phil and Denyse Dippy, who were recognized in 1993 as Broyhill's Outstanding Volunteer Family.

While Deona is still nervous around loud, boisterous people, she has come a long way toward regaining her security.

"Casey is her hero," says Broyhill Campus Life Director Linda Morgan.

Deona and Casey still attend the same high school and see each other nearly every day.

Both kids have been a positive influence on campus, according to Morgan. She said both became Christians while living at Broyhill, where the love of Christ is evident among the staff and churches cottage residents attend.

Casey has made Broyhill his home. There is his security, safety and future as he looks toward college, where he may pursue computer technology.

Ways To Be Involved

Pray for residents and staff.

Provide supplies of all kinds.

Paint, roof, carpet, plumb and help with maintenance on the dozens of BCH buildings statewide.

Pay attention to the **priority needs list** on each campus.

Patiently be a tutor/mentor.

Push a lawn mower as a volunteer summer maintenance helper.

Promote BCH awareness in your community by inviting a BCH speaker to your civic group.

Please encourage your church to receive a Thanksgiving Offering.

PO Box 338 Thomasville, NC 27361-0338 to subscribe to *Charity & Children*, the free BCH monthly newspaper.

Amber Finds Smile at Kennedy Home

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with her mother and sister.

Working through problems at Kennedy Home involves identifying your problems, putting a name to them. That helps a child realize he/she is not a "problem child" but is a "child with problems."

"Group" became her salvation. She loved having people around to talk with confidentially. She liked the private school atmosphere on campus with lots of attention, and with swimming and nature among her special pleasures, the large, rural campus is ideal. A bookworm, she has returned her grades to straight As.

Amber is entering eighth grade and already thinking of college, possibly a psychology major. Wherever she goes and whatever she does, Amber will remember Kennedy Home fondly.

"If I was alive without this place, I wouldn't be in a happy life," she said. "I'm really thankful there are places like this."

The Thanksgiving Offering And YOU

The annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes provides about $600,000 toward daily operational needs. Last year, 1,469 children were served at 13 facilities across the state.

Those operational needs include the food, clothing and medical expenses for children in care. They include school supplies, transportation to special events, athletic equipment and school fees. They include Christian education materials, building maintenance expenses, and of course, that all important caring staff that guides residents through these difficult years.

An information packet about the offering, including the Mile of Pennies Project, will be mailed to each church Woman's Missionary Union leader or pastor by Oct. 1.

Give it life!

If the packet never makes it further than a mail receptacle, your church will miss the opportunity to be directly involved in giving young people a chance!

Subscribe! To *Charity & Children*, the free BCH monthly newspaper: PO Box 338 Thomasville, NC 27361-0338

Projects Include Ukraine, Czech Republic (Prague)

Exciting opportunities continue to happen in the area of overseas missions. God has many doors of opportunity open and He needs volunteers to step through them and use the gifts that He has given them. Take advantage of the opportunity that is available to each of us and use our talents to spread the word of God to all. You'll be blessed and someone who has never heard might hear, and you might be the only one that will ever have the chance to tell them.

The Ukraine Partnership is well underway this year. Teams have served in Kiev and in the surrounding area. Many churches have had teams come and help them in their construction as well as construction on the seminary in Kiev. Its a difficult time in Ukraine and there is no exception for the Believers in that country. Inflation is rampant and that makes for uncertainty in all areas of life. Change always brings about uncertainty, whether its about food, jobs, transportation, home. Things we take for granted, these folks have to worry about on a daily basis. We have no idea how they struggle just to survive, much less enjoy the blessings we so often take for granted. They need our prayers and our support. The length of the project will be extended because of the vastness of opportunities that need to be done. What can you do? Pray for the Ukraine Partnership. Ask God if he can use you to serve Him there and then go in '95. With 1300 churches in Ukraine and less than 100 church buildings, there is still much work to be done to take the gospel to the more than 50 million people who live in Ukraine. Even though teams are leaving the United States almost every Saturday, there is still a need for TEAMS TO GO IN NOVEMBER and its not too early to begin planning for next year. It may be that you would like for someone to come to your church and/or association to share about his/her mission experience in Ukraine. We can provide you with the names of volunteers in your area who would be willing to come and share what God is doing in Ukraine and how the experience has impacted their life. Contact the Partnership Coordinator's office or NCBM for more details and/or an application. The toll-free number is 800/395–5102 or locally 919/467–5100.

Our newest NCBM partnership is that of helping the International Baptist Theological Seminary move from Zurich, Switzerland to Prague in the Czech Republic. This is a most exciting opportunity for volunteers to use their skills in renovating buildings that will be used to prepare students from all over the world to spread the gospel. The campus in Prague has 22 buildings on 16 acres that need renovating. The main focus of the campus is four buildings that are over 200 years old. This will be the first emphasis on renovation as classes will be held there in the fall of 1995. The campus itself is in need of every sort of cleanup from grass being cut to painting, bushes trimmed, remodel rooms for classrooms and offices, utility remodeling, you name it, it has to be done. And be done, for the most part by fall of '95. This is a project that all can participate in. About 95 percent of the work will be inside and can be done during the winter months.

The first team from North Carolina went in August. They renovated a building to be used as housing for volunteers. Three weeks of hard work got "G" Building ready for volunteers. The building will house volunteers while they are in Prague. The building has a kitchen and dining area, laundry, sleeping area for 35, and ample toilet facilities. The team worked hard to prepare this building for the rest of the volunteers that will come behind them. Thanks to all of them for the hard work they did. Dr. Ernie Stines, Jasper Evans, Joel Ready, Richard Crosby, Bob Mizelle, Sandy Smith, Nat Howell, and Mark Levasque. Thanks to all these men for the sacrifice they made to go on short notice and to serve our Lord as well. We need volunteers to go to Prague through the winter months and into next year, so pray about it and if the Lord wants you to go, don't hesitate, just go.

Sandy Smith is our coordinator for this project and is in the NCBM office two days a week (primarily Tuesday and Thursday) volunteering his time to insure that all goes well. Pray for Sandy as he serves. You can contact the office for information. Vic and Merrly Greene serve as host and hostess in Prague and are waiting for you to get there.

God continues to need the help of folks like you to help him in His missions throughout the world. Please pray about foreign missions and if you feel God is leading you to serve then don't hesitate. Please heed his call and go. It is up to us to help spread the Word and God will help us if we just go!

Robert Stroup, Jr.
Overseas Missions Coordinator
123 Stroup Road
Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Homeland Missions Projects

TWO PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS SUMMER:

Charlotte Chinese Baptist

This 5,700 square foot church was completed in July and August. Dedication was on September 25th. Hearts and Hammers of Independence Hill Church, Huntersville, took the lead working during the day and under the lights at night. Homeland volunteers in the area and the Disaster Relief unit team pitched in but the members of Independence Hill, under the leadership of Alton Stewart, deserve much recognition for their service to God through their yearly projects. Great job!

Hispanic Mission, Kernersville

Region 5 volunteers really responded to the needs of this congregation by completing this church ahead of schedule. This church dedication was also on September 25. There were many volunteers, including Forsyth Tech students that wired the church as a project. Their work was well planned and executed, providing for current and future needs of this facility. Thank you to all those that responded, including Ernest Shuskey and all the others that provided the leadership on completing this project.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

Raleigh First Korean Baptist

The church is dried-in and electrical and plumbing roughed in. HELP!!!! We need sheetrock, painters, and finish people. This congregation works hard every Saturday. Contact David Williams, on-site coordinator, 919/596–9610, or Bill Poindexter, Region 4 coordinator, 919/542–3819. Thank you to those that have responded so faithfully to this project.

Clinton Hispanic Mission

This 5,500 square feet church is now dried-in, ready for electrical and plumbing rough-in. Contact Charles Jackson, on-site coordinator, 910/592–5307; 910/592–3185. They have had some obstacles on this project so if you can't come and help them, pray for them. They need sheetrock hangers, painters, insulation now!!!!

Caswell Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell) during the fall of 1994 through the spring of 1995. Several work projects are available utilizing almost any skill level from skilled tradesmen to unskilled laborer.

Some of the projects for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring are:

1. Cafeteria — completion of third phase, addition of structural plywood and new siding to the exterior.

2. #33 (Old Horse Barn) — total renovation for the new PX, possible historical display area.

3. RS A/B & E — chimney removal, interior repair (possible relocation of kitchen and addition of bedroom as in RS C & D).

4. Forts — continuing efforts to provide safety barriers to potentially dangerous fall areas of the forts.

5. Grounds — continued ornamental landscaping of renovated buildings and grounds maintenance activities.

6. Sentry House (Old Program HQ/First Aid) — relocation and total renovation at the entrance of the Assembly.

Your efforts are vital for the continued upkeep and improvement of the North Carolina Baptist Assembly. Thank you very much for your continued support and hard work!

If you are interested in volunteering at Caswell, contact David Lloyd, Assistant Director, N.C. Baptist Assembly, 100 Caswell Beach Road, Oak Island, NC 28465; 910/278–9501.

Mundo Vista Project Needs Volunteers

The winterization of cabins at Camp Mundo Vista, near Asheboro, is continuing this year.

The next phases of work include foundation for the bathrooms, framing-in the bathrooms, exterior painting of cabins, interior cabin renovation, and building new railings on porches. During the designated work weeks below, meals and lodging will be provided by N.C. WMU: October 3–8; October 10–15; October 31–Nov. 5; November 7–12; December 5–10; December 12–17; January 9–14; January 16–21; February 6–11; February 13–18; March 6–11; March 13–18; April 3–8. Contact Bob Navey, 910/625–4828

CURRENT ASSOCIATION, PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

"I CARE" South Miami Area

Volunteers are still needed for the over 1,000 homes without water and electricity. Some projects involve light work while others are complex construction. "I CARE" has a nice volunteer complex, providing food and lodging for $20 per person for a week. There are numerous opportunities for personal witness while working. If you're interested, call "I CARE" , 1–800–637–5790.

New York Partnership

For a current list of construction needs, call Linda Hicks at the Baptist Building, 1–800–395–5102, or your Associational office for a "pairing". There are still many, many needs!

Oxford/Flat River Hispanic Mission

A 90' x 50' building is now needing painters and finish volunteers. Contact Jack Berry, on-site coordinator, 919/693–4065.

UPCOMING SPRING PROJECTS:

Pittsboro Hispanic Mission and **Tar Heel Lodge, Ridgecrest**

Rex Everhart
Homeland Mission Projects Coordinator
2917 Covered Bridge Road
Clayton, NC 27520
Telephone 1–800–669–0949

LAY RENEWAL

New Year's Eve Celebration at Caswell

The annual "New Year's Eve Exciting Alternative" will be held at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell), Dec. 30–Jan. 1, sponsored by Caswell and N.C. Baptist Men.

Purpose of the event is to "give thanks for the gift of a new year in a loving atmosphere of worship, prayer, and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The meeting is open to both men and women and youth (7th –12th graders).

Featured speakers will include Buddy Freeman, Gardner-Webb University, who will share his wit and wisdom with the group. Female vocalist this year will be Mary Mincey, Knoxville, Tenn., an award-winning singer with the Dixie Jubliee of Mrytle Beach, S.C. Bob Ellis, Wilmington and Jane Hatch, Clinton will lead the music.

Michael Capps, Hendersonville, author of the new game book, Screamers & Scramblers, will lead a fast-moving and exciting program for the youth.

Buddy Freeman

Cost for the event is as follows: Package 1: two nights (double occupancy, 4 meals, program — $58.75; Package 2: New Year's breakfast (at midnight) and program — $12.75; Package 3: Seafood buffet, New Year's breakfast (at midnight), program — $21.25; Package 4: Seafood buffet, program — $17.50; and Package 5: No meals, program — $9.00.

For reservations contact N.C. Baptist Assembly, 100 Caswell Beach Rd., Oak Island, NC 28465 or call 910/278–9501.

Cameron Norris, Lay Renewal Coordinator
Shallotte, NC 28459, 910/754–4839

Michael Capps

RESORT & RECREATION

Resort/Leisure Ministries Conference Set December 3 in Winston-Salem

"Sharing the Gospel in a Leisurely Way" will be the theme of the Resort/Leisure Ministries Conference, Dec. 3, Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem. The meeting will begin around 8:30 a.m.

The one-day meeting is for pastors and lay people who live in resort areas or anyone who is involved in resort and leisure ministries. The program will include several "how to get started" conferences.

Featured leader will be Tim Wilbanks, pastor, Estes Park Baptist Church, Estes Park, Colorado, who will share how his church reaches out to the hundreds of tourist who visit that area each year.

Cost of the conference is only $10 (includes lunch and program fee). Deadline for registration is Nov. 18.

For more information or registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

SPORTS IN MISSIONS

Summer HSBYM Mission Trips

Eleven North Carolina High School Baptist Young Men and two adult coaches spent the weeks of July 1–11 last summer in the West Indies country of St. Lucia on a special missions/basketball trip, sponsored by North Carolina Baptist Men.

Team members included Brent Hardin, Nate Hoffman, Nate Carter, Alan Grant, Stephen Myers, Chris McNeely, Aaron Paap, Josh Riddle, Brent Smith, Kevin Cook and Jake Parker.

The two coaches were Curtis Moore and Bob Grant.

Basketball clinics were conducted each day with an average of 80 young men in attendance. Each team member was responsible for sharing his faith at one or more times during these clinics. The group also handed out Christian tracts, hand bands, sweat band, etc.

Each basketball game was played against a local team. At half-time, one or two team members shared their testimony with the 200–300 in attendance.

Another team traveled to Norfolk, Virginia July 10–15 for the Norfolk Sports Camp. This team included Rick Erdman, Patrick Moore, James Triplette, Jennifer Murden and Coach Gary Bowne.

The Norfolk camp included soccer and basketball events for 50-plus inner-city children and youth in the team. The team served as a positive role model for these campers who have not been exposed to any instruction in sports nor to any Christian witness.

The group conducted devotions and small group activities, with the children and youth learning the importance of walking with Christ while at the same time developing their skills and interest in soccer and basketball.

Gary Bowne
Sports in Missions Coordinator
237 32nd Avenue, NW
Hickory, NC 28601
704/327–6282

Camp Caraway Completes 32nd Successful Year

This past summer, from June 13–July 30, over 1,300 boys enjoyed a week of fun and activity at Camp Caraway, the state RA camp sponsored by the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department. Boys ages 9–17 are placed in a cabin group with other boys their age. Each cabin group is led by a well-trained Christian young man who truly cares about each boy. Activities such as swimming, basketball, camping, canoeing, and more are combined with mission study Bible study and cabin devotion times to provide a well-balanced program. This program seeks to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of each boy.

The highlight of each week of camp is Friday evening, when the whole camp participates in commitment service and council ring. In Caraway's beautiful outdoor chapel by the lake, boys are given the opportunity to make life-changing decisions for Christ. This summer, 96 boys made the decision to accept Christ as their Savior. There were 379 others who decided to rededicate their lives to Christ in an effort to follow Him more closely. Each boy is encouraged to talk with his family and pastor, as well as to be involved in his church.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Camp Caraway by sending your boys to camp.

Royal Ambassador Week Is Nov. 6-12

RA Week is an excellent opportunity for churches to highlight their Royal Ambassador programs, recognizing their boys and thanking their counselors.

Several resources are available from the Brotherhood Commission to help you make the most of this special week. The Royal Ambassadors Promotion Packet makes planning, publicizing and conducting RA Week easy. The new 1994-95 Planbook also is a good resource for guiding you through the steps to a successful RA Week.

Promotional materials include the RA Bulletin Cover and RA Bulletin Insert for use during the RA Recognition service. These provide church members with basic information about the RA program.

Recognition is an important part of RA Week. The RA Bible is an ideal recognition for both boys and their counselors. RA Certificates of Appreciation may also be given to those who aid your RA program.

Plan now for an active and successful RA Week in your church!

Brag On Those RA Boys!

Has your RA chapter done a community missions project recently? Gigi Johnson, a writer for Crusader magazine, needs to know. She needs possible story leads for the July, 1996 Crusader. Please write or call her: Gigi Johnson, Route 6 Box 35, Statesville, NC 28677; 704/872–0415. Include the following information: your name, address, and phone number (home and office); a description of your project. Please respond by November 14!

N.C. RA Chapters of the Year Selected

Three North Carolina RA Chapters have been selected as Chapter of the Year in their age division. Each candidate chapter turns in a scrapbook which chronicles its activities for the year. The North Carolina Baptist Men's Department provides a list of guidelines which each chapter must meet in order to be considered an Honor Chapter. Any chapter completing this form can be recognized as an Honor Chapter. However, to be considered for Chapter of the Year, a scrapbook must also be submitted.

As always, several excellent entries were submitted. However, three entries stood just a little above the rest in their age categories. For the 6th year in a row, Elizabeth Church in Kings Mountain Association was recognized Chapter of the Year in the Lad Division (grades 1–3). West Burnsville Church in Yancey Association won the Crusader division (grades 4–6) for the first time. Elizabeth Church also took the Pioneer division (grades 7–9), for the 3rd straight year. Each of the winners displayed a strong involvement in chapter meetings, missions projects, and interest activities.

A set of guidelines is available from the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department for those chapters seeking recognition as Honor Chapter. (Please see related story on page 13.)

Changes Planned for 1994-95 RA Honor Chapters

Starting in 1994–95, there will be a new format for recognizing Royal Ambassador chapters who meet the requirements of Honor Chapter. In past years, several excellent entries have been submitted from each age division. Beginning this year, instead of selecting one chapter as "Chapter of the Year", each entry will be judged by the quality of work. Unlike in previous years, a chapter now must turn in a scrapbook to be considered for Honor Chapter.

Those meeting the basic requirements listed on the Honor Chapter guidelines will be recognized as "Honor Chapter." Those chapters who go "above and beyond" by being involved in extra missions and interest activities, and showing participation of the boys in the making of the scrapbook, will be recognized as "Distinguished Honor Chapter." Therefore, there is the possibility that in a given year there may be more than one chapter which receives this recognition.

Under this format, chapters will not be competing against one another so much as they will be measuring up to a standard. The State RA Committee judges scrapbooks and will make the designation.

"Distinguished Honor Chapters" will be recognized during "See Wake Forest Day" in the fall. More details concerning this change will be sent to each registered RA chapter, along with the Honor Chapter guidelines.

'See Baptist College Days' To Be Held This Fall, Winter

Several college campuses across the state will be the scene for "See Baptist College Days" in upcoming months. This is an opportunity for RA, Challengers, or other church youth groups to tour local Baptist college campuses, enjoy a program and lunch, and see an exciting college ballgame. The following colleges will be conducting "See Baptist College Day" events in the coming months:

October 29 — Chowan College vs Wesley College: program — 11:00 a.m.; football game — 1:30; admission — free; contact Tim Wilson 919/398–4101.

November 5 — Wingate College vs Catawba College: program & lunch — 11:30 a.m.; football game — 1:30 p.m.; cost — $5.00 per person; contact Mike Hamilton 704/233–8026.

January 28 — Gardner-Webb University vs Presbyterian College: program — 9:15 a.m.; followed by lunch and basketball game; cost — $9.00; contact Nathan Alexander 704/434–2361.

February 11 — Campbell University vs Fayetteville State: program & lunch; basketball game; cost — $4.50; contact Jerry Wood 1–800–334–4111.

February 18 — Wingate College vs Mars Hill: program — 10:00 a.m.; lunch; basketball game — 2:00; cost — $6.00; contact Mike Hamilton 704/233–8026

Camp Angel Tree Brightens Summer at Caraway

What is it like to grow up without a positive male role model? Many of the boys who attended the last week of summer camp at Camp Caraway this summer can answer that question. Camp Angel Tree, a joint effort between the North Carolina Baptist Men's Department and Prison Fellowship, brought together boys from all over the state who have a parent in prison. Baptist churches and individuals across North Carolina sponsored campers by providing the $90 camp fee. Volunteers from different regions of the state brought the boys to camp and picked them up at the end of the week. The names of these boys will be shared with churches in their area in hopes of further ministry.

ANGEL TREE®
A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

Fifty-three boys attended this special camp. For many of them, it was their first time to go canoeing, their first time to shoot a bow and arrow, their first time to go on an overnight camping trip. Perhaps more importantly, it was the first time for many of them to spend a good deal of quality time with a man who really cared about them.

Mark Abernathy, director of Camp Caraway, says, "Its important for these boys to experience a positive Christian male role model. They need to see that a man can laugh, that a man can cry. They need to see a man show the love of Christ." These boys saw these things through their camp counselor, who lived with them, played with them, and cared for them 24 hours a day. Bible studies and cabin devotions played a big part in each day at camp, as did other fun camp activities such as canoeing, hiking, swimming, and basketball.

"We may never know the full impact that a week of camp had on these boys," Abernathy adds, "but I do feel as though they went back home different than when they came. Hopefully, they took some of Camp Caraway back with them." Indeed, many of them did go back changed. At the Friday night commitment service, 26 boys stood to accept Christ as their Savior. Theirs may be a tough road to walk, but they won't walk it alone.

Challengers Puerto Rico Mission Trip Scheduled During Christmas Holidays

Every year during the Christmas holidays, N.C. Baptist Men sponsors an Overseas Missions Trip for young men ages 16–18. The location for this year's trip is Puerto Rico, December 27–January 3, at a cost of approximately $850 per person. This will include airfare, food, lodging, and insurance. Ten young men will be able to participate on this trip. Applications are being accepted now.

If you are interested in being a part of this mission trip, please use the form on the back page to request an application.

Challengers Honor Unit To Follow New Format in 1994-95

Starting in 1994–95, there will be a new format for recognizing Challengers units who meet the requirements of Honor Unit. In past years, several excellent entries have been submitted. Beginning this year, instead of selecting one unit as "Unit of the Year," each entry will be judged by the quality of work. Unlike in previous years, a unit now must turn in a scrapbook to be considered for Honor Unit. Those meeting the basic requirements listed on the Honor Unit Guidelines will be recognized as "Honor Unit."

Those units who go "above and beyond" by being involved in extra missions and interest activities, and showing participation of the young men in the making of the scrapbook, will be recognized as "Distinguished Honor Unit". Therefore, there is the possibility that in a given year there may be more than one unit which receives this recognition. Under this format, units will not be competing against one another so much as they will be measuring up to a standard. The State Challengers Committee judges scrapbooks and will make the designation. "Distinguished Honor Units" will be recognized during " See Wake Forest Day" in the fall.

More details concerning this change will be sent to each registered Challengers unit, along with the Honor Unit Guidelines.

Lad/Crusader Congresses To Be April 8

Three regional Lad/Crusaders Congresses (east, central and west) will be held Saturday, April 8, 1995, for boys in grades 1–6. Locations will be announced in the next issue of *Men on Mission*.

Challengers Convention Set

The 1995 Challengers Convention will be held Mar. 10–12, Campbell University, Buies Creek. The event is for all young men in grades 7–12 and their adult leaders.

The weekend event will include missionary speakers, sports events and ministry conferences.

Cost is only $25 per person (includes four meals and program fee).

Please register by Feb. 28, 1995. For more information and registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

Angel Tree Christmas Project

This year you can help bring Christmas to a prisoner's family. Through Prison Fellowship Angel Tree, members of your church can join the nationwide host of angels.

- Providing gifts to children of prisoners
- Opening doors to the Gospel and family reconciliation. That's because the Christmas gift you buy for a specific child will be given in Jesus' name, on behalf of the prisoner-parent.

An "orphaned" child is waiting for your gift-wrapped love.

For more information call Prison Fellowship, 1–800–926–2196.

Recommendations To The Baptist State Convention's 1995 Committee On Nominations

Listed below are the vacancies to be filled by the 1995 Committee on Nominations:

General Board
Cabarrus, Carolina, Catawba River, Eastern, Elkin, Flat River, French Broad, Green River, Mecklenburg (2), Neuse, New Found, New South River, Raleigh, Rocky Face, Sandy Run, South Fork, South Yadkin, Stanly, Stone Mountain, Tennessee River, Theron Rankin, Three Forks, Union, Wilmington, Yancey, Region 1, Region 4, Region 10.

Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs
Three members-at-large

Colleges
Campbell University–12 trustees; Chowan College–9 trustees; Gardner-Webb University–9 trustees; Mars Hill College–9 trustees; Meredith College–9 trustees; Wingate College–9 trustees.

Social Service Institutions
Baptist Children's Homes–9 trustees; Baptist Hospital–6 trustees; Baptist Retirement Homes–5 trustees.

Agencies
Baptist Foundation–5 directors; Biblical Recorder–4 directors.

(If you wish to make a recommendation, please mail this entire page back to the Public Relations Division.)

Recommendations may be sent to Public Relations Division, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107. Deadline: **Jan. 31, 1995**. (PLEASE PRINT, form may be photocopied.)

1. Believing that the following person is committed to Jesus Christ, is a person of integrity, is active in the church and has proven leadership ability, I recommend _____
2. Address _____
3. Telephone numbers: ( )_____ (Bus.) ( )_____ (Res.)
4. Approximate age _____ Man _____ Woman _____
5. Check the *ONE* (General Board, Agency, Council, Institution) *you believe this person can best serve:*

❑ Baptist Foundation	❑ Campbell University
❑ *Biblical Recorder*	❑ Chowan College
❑ Baptist Children's Homes	❑ Gardner-Webb University
❑ N.C. Baptist Retirement Homes	❑ Mars Hill College
❑ N.C. Baptist Hospital	❑ Meredith College
❑ General Board	❑ Wingate College
❑ Christian Life Council	

6. Association in which church is located _____
7. Nominee's church _____ Resident membership _____
   Church address _____
   Church telephone number ( ) _____
   List past and present positions held in the local church: _____
   _____
   Give statement as to the past and present support of this person to this church and to North Carolina Baptists: _____
   _____
   _____
   Denominational service (past and present): _____
   _____
8. Is person an ordained minister? _____
   If a minister, list previous ministries: _____
   _____
9. If a layperson, occupation: _____
   Brief resume of business or professional experience: _____
   _____
   Please attach a separate sheet for additional information you feel would be helpful to this Committee.

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Signed: _____
(name of person making recommendation)

_____
(mailing address)

Telephone no. ( ) _____

Church _____ Association _____

Date: _____

Deadline: January 31, 1995

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TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship, Feb. 3–4, Caraway Conference Center (Cost: $35/person)
  #____ persons @ $35 = Total $____
- ❑ Disaster Recovery Training, Jan. 14, Baptist Building, Cary
  (Limited to first 100 registrants, Registration deadline Dec. 30)
  (Cost $20/person)
  #____ persons @ $20 = $____
- ❑ Resort/Leisure Ministries Conference, Dec. 3, Winston-Salem
  (Cost $10/person — includes lunch and program fee.)
  Registration deadline is Nov. 18.
  #____ persons @ $10 = Total $____
- ❑ Challengers Convention, Mar. 10–12, Campbell University, Buies Creek. (Cost $25/person — includes 4 meals and program fee)
  Register by Feb. 28, 1995
  #____ persons @ $25 = Total $____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone: Office_____ Home_____

Church_____ Association_____

Leadership Position_____

Registration Fee (if applicable) $_____ Number in group (if applicable) _____

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